

HOUSE BILL 3169

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-115, relative to removal of the carcass of dead wildlife from the roadway or right-of-way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-115, is amended by adding the following language as a new, properly designated subsection:

( ) If an officer or employee of a local or state governmental entity, other than an officer of the wildlife resources agency, removes a carcass, as defined in § 70-1-101, from the roadway, median, right-of-way or berm of the roadway, such governmental entity is authorized to submit to the wildlife resources agency a statement totaling the cost for the removal, burial or destruction of the carcass, and such agency shall, within thirty (30) days of receiving the statement, reimburse the governmental entity for such cost. In such instances, the provisions of this section requiring the person to obtain a permit for destroying big game or for the agency to issue a kill tag shall not apply.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.